

CHATS BY THE WAY

Brief Sketch of a Brilliant and Rising Young Lawyer.

RALPH STONE'S RAPID RISE

He Spent His Youth in School and in Manhood Reaps Rewards—Poetry and Translators.

Ralph Stone, the bright young attorney who has just been appointed attorney for the Michigan Trust company, is the subject of this sketch. He was born at Wilmington, Delaware, November 13, 1880, and three years later began his school education. Being naturally studious and quick to learn he advanced rapidly, and at the age of 21 he held the degree of A. B. from Swarthmore college, a celebrated educational institution near Philadelphia. At the age of 24 he held the degree of L. L. B. from



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the university of Michigan. After graduating from Swarthmore he spent one year in the office of the Hon. Anthony Higgins, United States senator from Delaware. Mr. Stone was offered the position of private secretary to Senator Higgins, but he preferred to finish his course in law and came west to study in Ann Arbor, from which institution he was graduated in 1902.

He has never been able to shake off the newspaper instinct with which he was born, his father having established one of the leading papers of Wilmington and young Stone often contributed to its columns. While at college he acted as correspondent for Philadelphia and New York papers, and after coming to Ann Arbor he acted as correspondent for Detroit, New York and Chicago papers. He acted as editor of the Swarthmore college paper and editor-in-chief of U. of M. Daily at Ann Arbor. He organized the Western College Press association and was elected its first president.

He combines with his mental attainments a good physical constitution and won fame at college as an athlete. He was manager of the famous base ball team which defeated Yale, Brown, Lehigh and Lafayette in the east and won every game in the west. He is at present one of the advisory committee on athletics in Ann Arbor. He is an expert tennis player and is a leader in the Country club.

At present he holds the following positions outside of his regular business: Editor of Michigan Law Journal, secretary Michigan Bar association, treasurer Country club, secretary State Law Tennis association.

After graduating at Ann Arbor, Mr. Stone came to Grand Rapids and formed a law partnership with Gen. Byron M. Cutcheon, which firm was dissolved last Monday, when he entered upon the duties of his new position. His selection to fill so important a place is a high compliment to his legal ability, and also to his business ability. He has the management of the estates which come into the hands of the Michigan Trust company for settlement. The position is one that many older attorneys would be glad to hold. Though a republican, Mr. Stone has never held a political position, although he takes great interest in political affairs.

Where Are the Transfers? Owing to the state of the city's finances more than fifty men who had worked to expect that they would have work all summer for the street commissioners have been discharged and are picking up odd jobs wherever they may. Owing to the failure to sell street bonds hundreds of men who would have work are said to be idle, and yet a man in the eastern part of the city says he has a small job for a man with a team, and has been inquired for three weeks and has been unable to find a transfer out of a job.

Blooming Poetical Genes. In the office of a certain manufacturing concern in the city several young

women are employed as clerks and stenographers. Several of them are very pretty girls, too, but they believe they can write poetry. Of course, if the girls in the office write poetry it is also fairly necessary that the traveling salesman should write poetry, too. The first verse of a poem dedicated to one of the girls by one of the salesmen was something like this:

"The necklet clasps her snowy neck
Where taint his line would be,
His curly lips like cherries are
His sweet and Marjorie."

It gets worse in each succeeding verse and there are several hundred verses. Marjorie treasures these effusions from a brain apparently on the verge of parenthood, and calls it sweet.

BICYCLE NOTES.

Sews Concerning Local and Other Wheelmen—Season of Races.

Entries for the South Bend Cycling club tournament July 25 closed yesterday. The prize list for the 100 and 200 mile races was \$1,000 and \$500, and may go higher. Among the prizes are four good wheels. In point of speed the supremacy lies among the present entrants, between George F. Taylor and J. P. Bliss. Taylor was last season the holder of the mile record, while Bliss has demonstrated his ability to ride with such men as Sanger and Johnson. The list now includes such men as George C. Smith, holder of the quarter mile record; Hoyland Smith, holder of the ten mile record; C. M. and W. F. Murphy, Roy Knapp, C. G. Kingsley and George A. Barker. Everything now points to success for the meet July 25.

Thursday, September 11, will be wheelmen's day at the Kent county fair and the following complete schedule of prizes has been arranged especially for the society under the rules of the League of American Wheelmen and has been approved by the wheelmen of the county.

No. 1. Three Mile Handicap.
First prize, pair opera glasses.....\$10
Second prize, framed picture.....7
Third prize, silver cup.....6

No. 2. One-Half Mile Open.
First prize, bicycle suit.....12
Second prize, chair.....7

No. 3. Mile Open.
First prize, traveling case.....10
Second prize, mirror.....7
Third prize, hat.....5

No. 4. Five Mile Lap Run.
First prize, gold medal.....20
Second prize, gold medal.....12
Third prize, gold medal.....8

No. 5. One-Fourth Mile Open.
First prize, oak table.....10
Second prize, lamp.....7

No. 6. Mile Handicap.
First prize, cloth.....12
Second prize, umbrella.....8
Third prize, sweater.....5

CHARITY SOCIETY NOTES.

Items of Interest in Connection With Its Noble Work.

The charity society has daily calls for good girls for general housework, but it experiences the same disappointment that all housekeepers have had. No matter how much poverty there may be there are no girls to do housework. Miss Field suggests that a society be formed and a training school for girls started in which the proper way to do housework should be taught. Orders for home-made bread, cake and pies left at the charity society's office will aid one woman to support herself, and a good woman who is trying to support herself would like to get more orders for washings to take home with her. The society knows of another woman who cannot leave her sick husband and would like to do quilting or the comfortable at her home.

The little German tailor who was given a short job Friday made the rounds of the shops Saturday morning and not getting work, resolved to start for Grand Haven. The society can recommend his work to the farmers' wives between here and the lake shore. The old man hopes to earn a living wherever he goes by sewing.

GROCERS' PICNIC AUGUST 17.

List of Committees to Make Arrangements for the Great Festival.

The Retail Grocers' association has decided upon August 17 as the date for the grocers' annual picnic and festival. The place where it will be held has not been chosen, but it is probable Reed's lake will be selected. This matter will be settled at a later meeting of the association. President Elliott announces the following special committees to make arrangements for and superintend the annual gathering:

Executive—E. J. Herrick, C. Stryker and Phil Graham.

Sports—Fred H. Ball, James B. McInnes and Dick Warner.

Badges—James A. Morrison, Sumner Wells and C. C. Bunting.

Program—Harry Vinckemulder, J. G. Lehman and H. L. Leavelle.

Judges—W. L. Freeman, Amos S. Musselman and William C. Wood.

Tables—Thomas H. Hart, C. J. Seven and Julius J. Wagner.

MORE OF THE DREGGE CASE.

Motion for a New Trial Denied by Judge Adair Yesterday.

A month ago John Dalton of Cadillac secured a verdict of \$5,000 against John Dregge of this city for alleged alienation of his wife's affections. Mr. Dregge's attorney immediately made motion for a new trial, which was argued a week

ago. Yesterday Judge Adair denied the motion, and Mr. Dregge will now probably appeal the case. The motion for a new trial was based on newly discovered evidence. Judge Adair denied the motion on the ground that the alleged evidence would not be admissible in the case.

Burial Permits.

Minke Decker, No. 4 Gelock avenue, Valley City.

State News in Brief.

The ore at the Aragon mine of Norway has been levied on by the employees, who have not been paid in three months. The mine is leased by the Schlesinger syndicate. The men are owed \$50,000 and the ore is valued \$60,000.

Patrolmen Snider and Eames of Muskegon went bathing in the big lake and were having fine sport. Snider was seized with cramps and was rescued by his brother officer as he was sinking the last time.

"Prof. J. C. Voltaire, wanted at Muskegon and Saginaw for sending persons has been arrested at Kalamazoo, where he was known as 'Prof. J. M. Crane, a Chicago clairvoyant."

A Muskegon physician was returning from Dalton the other night when his horse shied at white lights on the ground. Investigation showed them to be pieces of phosphorus wood.

A Muskegon electrician has just "discovered" that lemon juice would clean rusted shoes. This "discovery" has been in vogue for years where rusted harness was used.

The Lucy Mining company, operating a mine near Negaunee, has thrown up its five year lease, taken out machinery and discharged its men.

Menominee had a \$55,000 fire Friday, when the dry kilns of the Ludington, Wells & Van Schaack company were destroyed.

Ann Arbor engineers have not received the July pay because the brotherhood decided that it would raise the amount. Ann Arbor will extend her water works system, now that it is settled that the water is free from organic matter.

Peter Conlon, a Merrill merchant attempted suicide at Saginaw by taking strychnine. He may possibly recover.

Jackson is putting in cement sidewalks, the cost being shared by the owner of the property and the city.

The Ninth Michigan Veterans' Volunteer Infantry association will hold a reunion at Lansing August 5.

Moore Barney, a Bay City boarding house keeper dropped dead from hemorrhage of the lungs.

Harry Rothwell, a Bay City lineman, was electrocuted by a live wire Friday night.

West Bay City denies that her past due bonds have been protested.

Caught by His Oversights.

BERRIN SPRINGS, Mich., July 22.—The oversights of William Chase were caught in the shaft of a threshing engine this morning. In struggling Chase broke off the steam gauge and was pinioned in the escaping steam. He may recover.

New Michigan Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Michigan postoffice appointments today: J. W. Davis to succeed J. J. McLaughlin, removed, at Elk Rapids, Antrim county; G. J. Pierson, to succeed S. B. Newcomb, removed, at Pierson, Montcalm county; Alfred Bailey, to succeed Cady Neff, removed, at Trenton, Wayne county.

YOUNG IN YEARS.

But Old in Business—The Peninsular Electric and Engineering Company.

When the Peninsular General Electric Company sold their business to the Grand Rapids Electric Company there was organized a new company, under the name of the Peninsular Electric and Engineering Company. The members of the company were formerly connected with the company that sold out their interests, and at the time the change was made, they decided to embark in business for themselves. W. S. Sherman, formerly superintendent of construction for the Peninsular Electric company and Peninsular General Electric company, and S. D. Kopf, traveling salesman and electrician for the Peninsular company, comprise the firm.

While Mr. Sherman was superintendent of construction for the Peninsular General Electric company, he designed and superintended the construction of the following lighting plants: Grand Rapids Cycle company, 125 lights; Michigan Cabinet company, 300 lights; Wolverine Electric Light company, Holland, 2,000 incandescent lights and 50 arcs, commercial plant; West Michigan Furniture company, Holland, 300 lights; Walsh DeLoe Milling company, Holland, 50 lights; Courtright Hotel, Newaygo, 25 arcs and 300 incandescent; Hastings Chair and Table company, 50 lights; Hastings Light & Power company, 1,500 incandescent and eighty arcs, commercial plant; George W. Browning, Vermilionville, fifty lights; Chase Piano company, Muskegon, 500 lights; Pentwater Bedstead company, 270 lights; Fremont Furniture company, 55 lights; Manistee Manufacturing company, 200 lights; McCord & Bradfield, city, 700 lights; Ocker & Ford Manufacturing company, city, 900 lights; Berkeley & Gay Furniture company, 700 lights; Grand Rapids water works, 125 lights; North Park Street Railway company, 20 arcs, 300 lights; Grand Rapids Street Railway

company, 100 lights; Grand Rapids Dock company, 100 lights; Gunn Folding End company, 500 lights; Grand Rapids Piano Case company, 150 lights; Grand Rapids Chair company, 150 lights; Grayson & Co., 20 arcs, 500 lights; Grisel Cabinet company, 10 arcs, 1,500 lights; Kent Furniture company, 300 lights; C. S. Hartman, 1,000 lights; Walen Leather company, 50 lights; Esley Manufacturing company, Owasco, 35 lights; Antrim Iron company, Antrim, 14 arcs, and 100 incandescent; Mendelson Manufacturing company, Ludington, 150 lights; Welch Folding Bed company, Sparta, 250 lights; Lowell Electric Light company, Lowell, power circuit, four 15 H. P. motors and 1,000 H. P. generator; Lantz Chair and Table company, Niles, 300 lights; W. W. Rice Leather company, Petoskey, 50 lights; Hackley park, Muskegon, 10 arcs; 300 incandescent; Butters & Peters, Ludington, 150 lights; town of Rockford, 350 lights; Grand Rapids Felt Boat company, 500 lights; steamer City of Holland, 80 lights.

The successful manner in which these plants are operating today shows the skill and care which was taken in their installation.

Mr. Kopf was formerly superintendent of the Muskegon Electric Light and Power company, and has installed several plants in Muskegon and vicinity, which are all operating successfully. While the machinery which was installed in the above manufacturing is of the original types of dynamo and motors, the Peninsular Electric & Engineering company handle only the latest and improved class of high grade electric machinery. This firm are agents for the Weddell-Eats slow speed multipolar generator and motor both for belt and direct connected use, also the celebrated Jenay automatic generators and motors, which have no equal for efficiency and wear. The Peninsular Electric & Engineering company are here to stay, and solicit a share of your patronage. Get their prices on lighting plants, motors and wiring of all kinds, and for any system before you let your contractors.

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